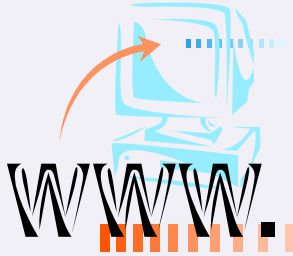


Newport Officials Strive To Better Inform Citizens



Newport Officials have strived to improve communications with its citizens. This follows the City's commitment to provide a comprehensive and open government policy with direct access to City information.

One solution now available is audio and video of each Board of Commissioners meeting live on the Web. This helps the City in staying with its cutting-edge philosophy by automatically archiving the meetings and allowing the public to search the archives by keyword. This will allow the meetings to be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for all citizens in and out of Newport.

The City of Newport's video website is located at www.cityofnewportky.org. Choose Commission Menu to Commission OnDemand which now has fully integrated video and document files for each live or future archived meeting. Each video is indexed, which allows browsers to jump to the relevant portion of the meeting quickly and have all pertaining documents at their fingertips on demand.

Newport has also taken this solution to the highest level by providing all ordinances, orders, resolutions, and minutes of the Board of Commissioners from 1914-2004 online via our Research Center. In order to further inform the residents the minutes and agendas for various Boards and Commissions such as Planning and Zoning, Historic Preservation, and the Board of Adjustment will also be available.

Newport Officials will soon be undergoing an extensive Recodification review over the next few months. The Recodification is the Code of Ordinances, which contains all laws and regulations that govern the City of Newport. The City's last partial recodification process was attempted in 1994. The newly revised draft document is available online in its entirety.

The City will also be reviewing its Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a blueprint for community development and preservation for the next 20 years. The Goals and Objectives of the Comprehensive Plan will be the first part adopted by the City. The Comprehensive Plan is comprised of several components. Some of these include demographic profiles, neighborhood profiles, land use, environmental conditions, redevelopment and revitalization and transportation. The current Comprehensive Plan and the proposed Goals and Objectives are available on the City's website.

Check our website frequently to see the calendar of scheduled public meetings to discuss these items. To access all of this information simply go to www.cityofnewportky.org.

CitiFest 2005

The Homebuilders Association of Northern Kentucky presents CitiRama 2005 at the Estates at Wiedemann Mansion beginning May 7 through May 22, 2005. This is the third urban new home show in Newport, which will contain five upscale homes plus the Carriage House renovation.

Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$1.00 for Children 3-12. Times are Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. No admission after 8:00 p.m.

Beverages and food will be available to purchase, proceeds go to Newport Central Catholic Boosters.

Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$1.00 for Children 3-12. Times are Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. No admission after 8:00 p.m.

Parking will be available at the Newport Central Catholic High School where a shuttle will be available for transportation to the site.

For more information call (859) 392-0444.

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East Row Gardens Hit National Television

East Row Homeowners divulge garden problems in new national TV show.

Roll out the red carpet — or maybe a roll of bright green sod — for three gardens in the East Row Historic District in Newport that are among 26 featured on a new national gardening show, DIY's Garden Sense, premiering in April on Scripps' Do It Yourself Network. In addition, JayTV, Inc., the company producing the shows, is based in Newport, too.

The show originally aired at 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 on the DIY cable channel. It will continue to air Tuesday evenings and repeat at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. The show offers sensible solutions to garden problems in

educational and fun before-after makeovers in which — in only one day — homeowners end up with a new garden.

Here are the episodes and tentative dates:

April 19: Jane and Kevin Murphy, 844 Overton St. The Murphy's garden problem? Giving more presence, beauty and privacy to a corner lot — but not so private that people passing by cannot enjoy it.

June 21: Jenny Hudson, 402 E. Fourth St. Creating a more finished landscape to blend with the historic architecture and trim colors of her circa 1886 Italianate home.

Aug. 30: Deanna Heil and Jim Guthrie along with Diane

Roach, The Marquette Condominiums, Units 1 and 2, 543 E. Fourth St. Offering privacy and shade to a brand new back yard as well as providing a barrier from the alley.

Last year, JayTV, Inc., 14 E. Fourth St., owned by Jay Shatz, taped a total of 26 episodes — 22 in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky and four in Atlanta. As DIY's Garden Sense premieres, JayTV is beginning to tape another 14 Tri-state homes for the 2006 season as well as homes in Phoenix, Atlanta and West Palm Beach, Fla.

Walter Reeves of Atlanta, a garden expert and author who hosts a popular radio call-in show and writes a weekly column for The Atlanta Constitution, is the show's host.

Bicycle Safety Rodeo/Newport Community Information Fair

The City will have its Annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo (Team Huff Safety/Fire Safety) on May 7, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in conjunction with the 1st Annual Newport Community Information Fair at the Newport Middle School located at 9th and Columbia Streets.

This event gives kids the opportunity to learn about bicycle riding safety, and dangers of street racing and fire safety. There will be a drawing for 5 new bicycles to be given away during the event. Events will include a bicycle riding obstacle course, meeting Team Huff

Drag Racing Team, and free items for all. There will also be 50 local service agencies distributing free information to all residents. These agencies span the realm of children, families, and senior citizens.

For information call (859) 292-3611 or (859) 491-8303 Ext 2421.

Second Annual Turtle Derby

Saturday, May 7, 2005, will be filled with trumpet fanfare, colorful silks and a lineup of serious contenders. Not just in Louisville, but also in Newport, Kentucky, home of the Newport Aquarium's second annual Turtle Derby.

This free event will take place on the Newport on the Levee plaza, right outside the main Aquarium entrance. The festivities begin at 11 a.m. More information, including the tur-

tles' bios, pedigree information and photos will be posted at www.newportaquarium.com.

Just imagine, 12 turtles inching toward the finish line...

Newport Aquarium showcases thousands of animals from around the world in a million gallons of fresh and salt water. Newport Aquarium was named the No. 1 aquarium in the Midwest in the Zagat Survey's U.S. Family Travel Guide in 2004.

Visit the state-of-the-art facility 365 days a year. Only two minutes from downtown Cincinnati at Newport on the Levee. Like its sister aquarium, Adventure Aquarium, opening on the Camden Waterfront, Camden, NJ, in May 2005, Newport Aquarium aims to entertain and educate guests with a variety of aquatic creatures. For more information, go to www.newportaquarium.com or call (859) 261-7444.





Nominate a Neighbor

Do you know someone who has made significant improvements to their home or business during the past year which has improved the quality of life in the City of Newport? If you do, you can now nominate them for an award of recognition given out by the City.

Early in May, the City will recognize residents for their efforts to improve their home or business. The recipients will be awarded an engraved keepsake at a Board of Commissioners meeting and be recognized in the Newport Now. During the month of June, the City will place a sign in the recipients yards

signifying their home as one of the "Nominate A Neighbor" Housing Award homes for the year.



Nomination forms may be picked up at the Newport Municipal Complex located at 998 Monmouth Street, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or by calling Com-

missioner Kneppshield at (859) 292-3666.

Information needed to complete a "Nominate a Neighbor" Housing Award nomination includes specific information on improvements with regard to extent, nature and historical correctness. It must also be clarified if the improvements were part of a home project or a contracted project, and if the improvements were to the interior, exterior or garden/surrounding area of the home or business.

Applications must be submitted to the City by May 31st.

Optimist International Annual Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner

The Optimist Club of Newport will be holding its Annual Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner on April 28, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ located at 5th and Park in Newport.

Enjoy delicious spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert and beverage for a donation of \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

Donations support the Optimist Club of Newport. Meeting the needs of young people in communities worldwide, Optimist Clubs have been "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" since 1919. Optimist Clubs conduct positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. Club members are best known in their communities for their upbeat attitudes.

Through funds raised by the Newport Optimists, donations have been given to programs through the Newport Police Dept., Buenger Boys and Girls Club, Brighten Center, Holly Hill and Campbell Lodge. For more information, visit www.optimist.org.

For more information please call Jill Isaacs at (859) 815-1432.



"Bringing Out the Best in Kids" Since 1919

Litterfest and PWC Repair Affair

The City of Newport is ready and willing to accept your trash. Litterfest runs from Saturday, May 14 through Sunday May 22. Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., residents can drop off old appliances, yard waste, and other materials at the City garage located at 1020 East 9th Street. To have large items picked up call (859) 292-3637.

Last year, the City hauled away more than 330 cubic yards of waste.

The People Working Cooperatively Repair Affair takes place on Saturday, May 14. City employees will split two teams and clean gutters, rake leaves and do yard maintenance work for low-income, disabled and elderly

homeowners in Newport. The City of Newport has participated in Repair Affair for more than 8 years. Repair Affair is organized by People Working Cooperatively. To see if you qualify for assistance or if you would like to volunteer contact PWC at (513) 351-7921.





"My hat goes off to the men and women of the Newport Police Department and the hard work that they do every single day to maintain these high standards. "

Police Department Accreditation

The Newport Police Department has been accredited through the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP) since 1997 and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 1998. These processes have brought about several positive changes to the department. One of the most important is the way that we do business. This agency thrives on community relations and being people oriented. This has changed the attitude of how citizens in the community and other peers in the law enforcement community view the agency.

The accreditation process with its state and nationally accepted standards not only ensures that the agency says it is doing something, but puts checks and balances in place to ensure that the

agency is walking the talk. It gives the agency the tools that it needs to effectively make decisions concerning the budget, manpower, developing future plans, and many other areas. The agency has also received monetary benefits from the accreditation process. The years prior to being accredited were riddled with lawsuits and high liability issues. The Kentucky Municipal Risk Management Association (KMRMA) dropped the City from its insurance coverage due to these high claims. Since the agency has been accredited KMRMA has taken the agency back into its insurance pool due to the decreased amount of lawsuits and liability claims. Other benefits included increased officer pay, better equipment, increased training and more accountability within the agency and community.

Professionalism begins with guidelines that state what is required to do the right thing. But it goes far beyond these guidelines; it has to be a mentality that is instilled in the men and women who work for you to make the accreditation process work. Without the support and hard dedicated work of these professionals the accreditation process would be impossible to maintain. My hat goes off to the men and women of the Newport Police Department and the hard work that they do every single day to maintain these high standards. These professional standards should be the norm for all police agencies around the world and I highly recommend the accreditation process.

-Thomas J. Fromme
Chief of Police

Vision 2015

VISION 2015 is a community planning initiative that will produce a ten-year strategic blueprint for Northern Kentucky built upon the QUEST VISION launched in 1995.

A leadership team of about 85 representing a cross-section of civic, business and government stakeholders oversee the process. Five action teams will address critical issues related to (1) economic competitiveness, (2) education excellence, (3) effective governance, (4) livable communities and (5) urban renaissance.

Action teams will meet to identify priority goals within their respective areas of focus and develop strategic action plans to achieve those goals. The public participated in the planning at a summit on April 7. These results can be viewed online at www.vision2015.org. The action teams will also seek advice and comment from neighborhood and community groups and from local and state officials, leaders from the southern counties and Cincinnati and other key groups throughout the year-long process.

Newport officials participating in

Vision 2015 include Mayor Thomas L. Guidugli, City Manager Philip G. Ciafardini, Chief of Police Thomas J. Fromme, Chief Financial Officer Greg Engelman, Business Development Officer Ryan Wyrick, and School Superintendent Michael Brandt. Also other Newport residents participating include Laura Long, Ken Rehtin, Bill Kreutzjans, Julie Hackworth, and John Williams.

For more information on how you can be a part of this Vision visit www.vision2015.org to submit your comments or questions.

VISION2015
Planning Northern Kentucky's Future

Upcoming Events			
Date	Time	Event	Location
5/10/2005	8:30:00 AM	Holmes HS Senior Class Meeting	Holmes High School 25th and Madison, Covington
5/26/2005	2:00:00 PM	Livable Communities	Sanitation District No. 1

Calendar of Events

Newport Italianfest

Date: June 9-12
 Times: Thursday, 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Noon - 9:00 p.m.
 For more information, please call (859) 292-3666.

Thursday Night...Live at the Levee

Date: Every Thursday, June 16 - Aug 4
 Times: 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Location: Newport on the Levee
 Summer concert series presented by Newport on the Levee, the City of Newport, and MIX 94.1.

Irish Heritage Festival

Date: June 24 - 26
 Times: Friday, 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Saturday, Noon - 11:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Noon - 9:00 p.m.
 For more information, please call (513) 474-9755.

America's Celebration - Newport Motorcycle Rally

Date: July 1 - 4
 Times: Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Fireworks at 10:00 p.m.
 Saturday, Noon - 11:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Noon - 11:00 p.m.
 Monday, Noon - 9:00 p.m.
 For more information please call (859) 912-2509 or 859-912-2510 or go to www.newportmotorcycle.com.

Greater Cincinnati Champboat Grand Prix on the Levee

Date: July 15 - 17
 For more information please go to www.cincinnati-grandprix.com.

Newport Arts & Music Festival

Date: July 30 - 31
 Times: Saturday, Noon - 10:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Noon - 7:00 p.m.
 For more information, please call artist contact Diane Hight at (859) 441-3139.

Glier's Goettafest

Date: August 5 - 7
 Times: Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Saturday, Noon - 11:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Noon - 9:00 p.m.
 For more information, please call Mark Balasa at (859) 291-1800 x 225, mark@goetta.com, or visit www.goettafest.com.

Great Inland Seafood Festival in Newport

Date: August 11 - 14
 Times: Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Friday, 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Saturday, Noon - 11:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Noon - 9:00 p.m.
 For more information, please call (513) 761-9911.

Northern Kentucky Latino Music Festival "Fiesta Del Rio"

Date: August 20 (Tentative)
 Times: Saturday, Noon - 10:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Noon - 10:00 p.m.
 For more information, please call Hector Moreno at (513) 253-1081 or Nick Radina (513) 706-5093.

Kentucky State Chili Cook-Off & Car Show

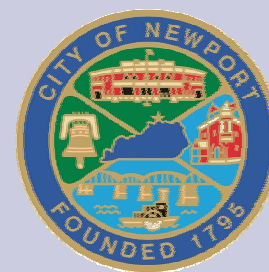
Date: August 28
 Times: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 For more information, please call Molly at (859) 655-9415.

Riverfest

Date: September 4
 Times: Sunday Noon - 10:00 p.m.
 For more information, please call (859) 912-2509.

Newport Oktoberfest

Date: September 30 - October 2
 For more information call (513) 684-4722.



Make It Your Home, Too

Founded in 1795, Newport provides an excellent mix of historic amenities and Contemporary development. The community's riverfront area provides a striking view of the Cincinnati skyline and is host to premier attractions including the Newport Aquarium, Newport on the Levee, and the nearby World Peace Bell. Newport is also home to the East Row Historic District and a revitalized, historic downtown filled with eclectic businesses.

Italianfest 2005

Newport *Italianfest* 2005: June 9 - 12

Location: Newport's Riverboat Row



"Italianfest, named
a Top 20 Event in
June by the
Southeast Tourism
Society"

Thursday: 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Saturday: 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Friday: 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm

The *Italianfest* Committee is busying preparing for the 14th annual *Italianfest*!

Italianfest, named a Top 20 Event in June by the Southeast Tourism Society, is held along Newport's Riverboat Row between the Taylor-Southgate and L&N Bridges. The festival has authentic *Italian* food and live Italian music performed by entertainers from around the nation, a Golf Outing, Spaghetti Nob Benefit-NPI RiverWalk, a Family Photo Booth which showcases the history of *Italian* families that settled in Newport generations ago, pizza-eating contest, cooking contest, games, rides and fireworks. For more information, please call (859) 292-3666.

Children's Activities:

Throughout *Italianfest* the children will enjoy rides and games at the festival. They will also see balloon artists twisting and turning the balloons into wonderful animals, hats etc. "**Read to Me Grandma**" will take place again this year. We are planning to base our activities on the children's book [Strega Nona](#) by Tomie de Paola. The book is a Caldecott Honor Book about a magical witch grandma, an old *Italian* tale. The gist of the story is how she cures the children's ills and how she has a magic pot that cooks too much macaroni. Storyboards will be used and we will encourage interaction with the children during the reading of the story. Craft activities will involve making macaroni necklaces, bracelets etc. It's sure to be lots of fun for the children!!

In keeping with the magical theme, we will have Dootles Entertainment come to the festival to entertain the children. Mr. and Mrs. Dutill offer a variety of fun things to do for the children. Mr. Dutill will do a magical program and Mrs. Dutill will do face painting. We will also have a "Court Jester" walk through the crowds passing out candy to the youngsters. All of the children's activities will be held in the children's tent and a poster will be displayed listing the times of the activities. It should be a wonderful experience the whole family will enjoy.

Italianfest Family Recognition Event:

This year we would like to honor four more of the City of Newport's senior citizens at the festival. We are asking for anyone who knows of an individual of *Italian* descent who is in their 80's and lives in the city to call the City of Newport at 859-292-3666. All of our honored guests will be invited to our Thursday night Festa *Italiana* 2005 Opening Ceremonies and VIP Reception. Their names will also be added to an Honor Roll in our *Italian Festival* Program.

We are also looking for any nominees for our Honored *Italian*-American Sons and Daughters Award. This award will go to an individual who has made a difference in the City of Newport and to the *Italianfest*. The award may also be awarded posthumously, so please give us a call with your nomination.

Italianfest 2005

Great Food:

Every year the festival out does itself with the delicious food served by our favorite vendors. Look for more seating this year to accommodate your dining pleasure. When the children's tent is not in use for the children it will provide additional dining space for our festivalgoers.

Entertainment:

The festival kicks off Thursday night with **Big Band Night** featuring the **Pete Wagner Band**. The band will also play on Friday evening and from noon to 3:45pm on Saturday. During the festival, we will also have the **Fiesta Dancers** who have added *Italian* dancing to their routine, **Frank Massa** and his band will be back again this year along with a festival favorite, **Diamanti**. **ELVIS** was such a crowd pleaser last year that we have invited him back again to perform on Friday, Saturday and late Sunday afternoon.

There will be a fireworks display Friday and Saturday nights at 11:00 P.M. *Italianfest* is a cultural event the entire family will enjoy!

My Mom the Cook (Dad, Brother, Sister or Grandparent etc):

Again this year, we want to encourage our *Italian* American Families to write a story about a family member and a family favorite dish or dessert. Also included in the story should be any family traditions or stories associated with cooking/baking (recipe included would be great). The only requirement to entering a story is that the person being written about is Italian or married to an *Italian*, a photo may also be included. We're hoping for some funny and heart-warming stories to add to our *Italianfest* Family Recognition Event, perhaps in the future, we could add it to an *Italianfest* Cookbook. My Mom the Cook forms can be printed from this site <http://www.cityofnewportky.org/Italianfest2005.htm> and mailed to us or picked up and returned to the Embassy Booth located at one of the festival entrances. It might even be fun to enter your dish/dessert in the Cooking Contest; don't forget to list those ingredients!

Spaghetti Nob Benefit-NPI RiverWalk

This year's walk will take place, rain or shine, on Saturday morning at 11:00am. Route details are still in the making, for more information, please call Amy Scrivner at (859) 344-9322.

Volunteers Needed

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the festival activities may call the City of Newport at 292-3666 and let us know what area you are interested in.



"Italianfest is a cultural event the entire family will enjoy!"

**Mark your calendars and come celebrate the
14th Annual *Italianfest*
in the City of Newport!**

City of Newport

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Mark Your Calendar!

Information pertaining to various City Commission and other City Board meeting schedules and events may also be viewed on the City's Cable Channel 16 and City's web site.

Fleer Major League Baseball Diamond Skills (TBA)

Diamond Skills are sponsored by Major League Baseball. Boys and Girls compete in the same age bracket to test throwing, fielding and base running. Open to children ages 7 – 14 at Ralph Mussman Baseball Field. For more information call (859) 292-3686.

May 2 Veteran's Memorial Pool Season Passes On Sale

Veteran's Memorial Pool is located on Caroline Drive and features an Olympic-Size pool, diving well, wading baby pool and shelter. Certified lifeguards are on duty at all times. Season passes may be purchased for families or individuals on the second floor of the Newport Municipal Complex, call (859) 292-3686.

May 7 Kids Carnival

Bernadette Watkins Park - The Kids Carnival features balloons, carnival games, food and drinks for children of all ages from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. For more information call (859) 292-3686.

May 28 Veteran's Memorial Pool Opening

For daily admission prices and season pass information, contact Parks and Recreation at (859) 292-3686.

May 30 Memorial Day Parade

The City's annual Memorial Day Parade will begin at the Campbell County Courthouse and travel south on Monmouth Street to the Newport Municipal Complex at Tenth and Monmouth. A ceremony honoring all Veterans will take place in front of the Newport Municipal Complex following the parade. Call (859) 292-3686 to participate.

June 8 Senior Day Out

The Newport Police Department will be providing two training sessions on senior information/crime prevention issues, Medicare/drug updates, frauds/scams, a free movie, and possible blood pressure/health screening. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. For more information contact Captain Howard Niemeier at (859) 292-3611 or Marsha Dufek at (859) 572-4300.

June 15 Snow Cones in the Parks – All City Parks

Newport Parks & Recreation Snow Cone Man will be coming to area parks with free snow cones for all park visitors. Call (859) 292-3686 for times.

July 20 Sundaes in the Parks – All City Parks

The Recreation Ice Cream Car will be coming to area parks with free snow cones for all park visitors. Call (859) 292-3686 for times.